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Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade  
Oregon House of Representatives

Dear Members of the Committee,

Oregon Life Sciences is the statewide trade association representing Oregon's life sciences industry, including biotechnology, medical devices, diagnostics, biomanufacturing, bio agriculture, and related research and supply-chain companies.

Our industry is a significant and growing part of Oregon's economy. Today, life sciences supports approximately **75,000 total jobs statewide**, including **nearly 21,000 direct jobs**, with **average wages of roughly \$102,000 per year**, well above the state average. These are traded-sector jobs that bring new dollars into Oregon, support local suppliers, and create long-term economic resilience across urban and rural communities.

We appreciate the leadership of the Governor and the work of this committee to strengthen Oregon's competitiveness, and we strongly support **HB 4084** as a thoughtful, practical package that addresses real barriers to investment and job creation.

First, **the Industrial Site Loan Fund** is essential. Oregon simply does not have enough market-ready industrial land. This funding helps close that gap by enabling site preparation so we can compete for large, capital-intensive projects that otherwise pass us by.

Similarly, **updates to the Enterprise Zone program**, including property tax incentives, are an effective way to attract and retain high-wage employers. These tools reduce upfront risk, encourage long-term investment, and help communities respond to economic transitions while holding companies accountable for job creation.

On the **permitting transparency and coordination** matter - predictable timelines allow companies to plan, invest, and build in Oregon with confidence. The Joint Permitting Council and fast-track framework are pragmatic steps toward better coordination across agencies.

HB 4084 helps Oregon compete for projects we want: high-wage jobs, significant capital investment, and long-term economic impact.

We look forward to continuing to partner with the Legislature and Governor Kotek and her team on this bill and additional proposals to grow the life sciences sector in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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